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DIRECTOR GENERALS LEVEL TALKS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Director Generals level meeting of Border Security Force (BSF) and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) was held in the recent past as reported in `The Times of India` dated March 04, 2007;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed in the said meeting;

(c) the details of decisions taken by both the countries thereafter; and

(d) the time by which such decisions are likely to be implemented by both the countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a)to(d) Yes, Sir. DG BSF-DG BDR Border Co-ordination Conference was held at New Delhi from 26th February - 3rd March, 2007. A number of issues were discussed in the meeting, which includes the following:-

1) Flow of illegal migrants from Bangladesh to India;

2) Obstruction to construction of border fence within 150 yards of international border;

3) Obstruction to developmental work within 150 yards of international border;

4) Trans-border crimes and unprovoked firing;

5) Activities of Indian insurgents in Bangladesh;

6) Prevention of smuggling of cattle, fake Indian currency notes, etc., and poaching of natural resources by Bangladesh nationals;

7) Security related issues; and

8) Confidence building measures.

Both the Border Guarding Forces agreed to co-operate with each other on various issues and take appropriate measures to check illegal cross border activities. It was resolved that various decisions taken in the meeting would be implemented expeditiously.